ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Shelby Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Kingdom Baptist Church, Shelby County, Ala.,

SEPTEMBER 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1896.

OFFICERS:

REV. F. M. WOODS, MODERATOR.....Jemison, Ala.

REV. C. W. O'HARA, CLERK AND TREASURER.....Columbiana, Ala.

The next session of the Association will be held with Six Mile Church, Bibb County, Alabama, four miles west of Brierfield, commencing on Wednesday before the 1st Sunday in September, 1897.

MINUTES.

The Shelby Association met with Kingdom Church, September 2d, 1896.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. C. Lyon, who read from Acts 1st and 2d chapter, and prayers were offered by J. C. Lyon, F. H. Farrington, J. M. Crenshaw and J. L. Peters.

The Association was called to order by the former moderator, F. M. Woods.

"How firm a Foundation" was sung and the greeting hand extended.

The introductory sermon was preached by W. H. Connell, from Math. 19: 17.

A collection was taken for the benefit of Mr. John Crowly, whose house was burned last night, amounting to $7.67.

The letters from the churches were received and the names of the messengers enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Brierfield—D. G. Smith.
Bethlehem—Not represented.
Cahaba Valley—S. E. Farrington, G. F. Harper.
Calera—Not represented.
Dogwood Grove—Thos. Lovelady, J. O. Galoway.
Enon—N. T. Lucas, E. C. Vernon and Burden Lucas.
Helena—L. L. Padgett.
Jemison—B. M. Gentry, F. M. Woods.
Longview—Not represented.
Montevallo—Henry Fancher and Henry Latham.
Mar's Hill—Letter.
Macedonia—E. G. Walker.
New Antioch—Not represented.
Six Mile—D. W. Freeman, W. H. Cornell and F. H. Farrington.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Bethlehem—J. C. Lyon, Henry Farr and C. A. Mason.
Columbiana—C. W. O'Hara, W. L. Davis and J. L. Peters.
Center Hill—G. W. Carter and J. C. Coker.

Florence—W. W. Kirkland, J. F. McDonald and J. M. Crenshaw.
Kingdom—J. T. Parker, G. W. Crumpton and J. A. Whitfield.
Mt. Calvary—John Moore.
New Prospect—B. C. Hughes and S. P. Fancher.
Rocky Ridge—C. B. Davis and F. M. Davis.
Summer Hill—W. E. Price, J. C. Reinhardt and L. Q. Gould.
Shelby—J. H. Keith, J. F. Averyt and L. C. Abbott.

After prayer by E. B. Teague, adjourned for one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

J. W. O'Hara and F. H. Farrington read the letters from the churches.

On the suggestion of the moderator prayer was offered by C. W. O'Hara for the churches asking the prayer of the Association.

On motion Rev. F. M. Woods was elected Moderator by acclamation. C. W. O'Hara was elected Clerk and Treasurer by acclamation.

Invited visiting ministers to seats. There were present J. A. Davis, J. W. O'Hara, B. F. Giles, W. J. Elliott and G. E. Mize, who accepted the invitation.

Appointed committees:

On Devotional Exercises—Pastor and messengers of Kingdom Church.
On Finance—D. G. Smith, S. E. Farrington and E. C. Vernon.
On Nominations—J. M. Crenshaw, J. H. Keith and J. T. J. Wilder.

Filled vacancies on standing committees:

On Periodicals—F. H. Farrington, Henry Fancher and J. C. Reinhardt.
On Home Missions—W. H. Connell, L. R. Kendrick and W. L. Davis.

On Foreign Missions—D. W. Freeman, N. T. Lucas and L. L. Padgett.
On Temperance—J. M. Crenshaw, W. E. Price and L. Q. Gould.
On Sabbath Schools—G. F. Harper, Geo. W. Carter and B. M. Gentry.
On Colportage Work—W. W. Kirkland, G. W. Crumpton and B. C. Hughes.

On motion the time for meeting was fixed. Convene at 9 a. m., adjourn at 12 m. Convene at 1 p. m., adjourn at 4 p. m.

Called for correspondence. Received from the Weogufka, J. A. Davis, A. H. Merrell and Joshua Davis.

Returned Correspondence:

To the Mulberry—W. H. Connell and D. W. Freeman.
To the Birmingham—F. H. Farrington.
To the Weogufka—B. C. Hughes.
To the Tuscaloosa—N. T. Lucas, F. M. Woods and G. F. Harper.
To the Cahaba Valley—G. W. Carter and W. W. Kirkland.
To the Unity—C. E. Vernon and F. M. Woods.
To the Harmony—W. H. Connell.

Brethren W. J. Elliott, representing the State Mission Board and the Alabama Baptist; B. F. Giles, representing Howard College, and C. E. Mize, Sunday school evangelist, were received in their respective capacities.

The report on Family Religion was read and discussed by J. W. O'Hara, F. H. Farrington, J. C. Lyon, B. C. Hughes, C. W. O'Hara, E. B. Teague, F. M. Woods and B. F. Giles. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON FAMILY RELIGION.

We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report: We are unable to say how far religion is practiced in homes of Baptists in the bounds of this Association, but we will make some suggestions. Religion is the moral link that binds man most closely to his God—the spiritual garden where the creature walks in companionship with his Maker. This sentiment is the highest that man is capable of cherishing, since it binds him to a being fitted, as no other being is, to impart to the soul the highest moral grandeur that created beings can enjoy. It is the upper window of the soul which opens into the clear radient light of God's eternal home. Its influence in every department of the mind is salutary and holy. No faculty can rise to its most exalted state without the sanctifying power of this sentiment. Then we should not neglect it. The highest beauties of your soul, the finishing touch of your character, the sweetest charm of your life will be given by due attention to this your first and last duty. Another of the lessons of christianity is that of the inestimable worth of common duties as manifesting the greatest principles. It bids us to attain perfection, not striving to do dazzling deeds, but by making our experience divine. It shows us that the christian hero will ennoble the humblest field of labor; that nothing is mean which can be performed as a duty; but religion like the touch of Midas, converts the humblest call of duty into spiritual gold.

Respectfully,
A. F. CARDEN.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported that W. J. Elliott would preach Wednesday night.

After prayer by W. J. Elliott the Association adjourned until 9 a. m. Thursday.

THURSDAY, Sept. 3, 1896.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. W. O'Hara. Reading from Rom. 12: 1-8. Prayers by W. J. Elliott, J. C. Lyon, G. F. Harper, Henry Fancher and B. C. Hughes.

The report on Education was read and amended and, on motion Bro. B. F. Giles was invited to address the Association on General Education, which he did much to the edification and gratification of the body.

Dr. E. B. Teague addressed the Association in the interest of the Judson.

C. W. O'Hara and J. M. McCord addressed the Association on the report, after which the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Shelby Association: Your Committee regret to be able to make only a very meager report of the condition of education within the bounds of the association. So far as we are able to learn from the most available sources, but little change has been made since your last meeting. The schools are nearly all under the control and management of the publics chool system and are being conducted in the same way as for years past. We are not able to get any definite information as to the progress being made. We can only report what has been stated in former reports upon this subject, that the demand for a higher and more thorough education of the young is a matter of prime importance to the welfare and progress of our people, and we urge that our people make the greatest public effort in that direction consistent with the stringency of the times and the opportunities afforded them.

AMENDMENT.—Notwithstanding the stringency of the times the attendance at our State Baptist colleges, the Judson and the Howard have been better than for years, and a grand work has been done recently in raising funds for the Howard debt, about $8000, and we would especially commend this latter object to the prayerful consideration of the churches. Respectfully submitted,

J. L. PETERS, Chairman.

Pledges were taken for Ministerial Education. (See Prorating Committee's report).

Brethren W. T. Smith, J. F. Pope and J. B. Kilpatrick were received as corresponding messengers from the Coosa River Association; J. M. McCord, J. W. O'Hara and M. M. Wood from the Birmingham Association.

The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were read and W. J. Elliott was invited to address the Association in the interest of the State Mission Board. Suspended business for preaching.

The Missionary Sermon was preached by Dr. E. B. Teague from Zach. 4: 7.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met. Prayer was offered by W. W. Kirkland.

The discussion on Missions was continued by W. H. Connell, N. T. Lucas, C. W. O'Hara and J. W. O'Hara. Rev. A. R. Hardy, of Greensboro, who is in the employ of the State Mission Board, was introduced and addressed the Association in the interest of Missions.

The report on State Missions was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board, located at Montgomery, with Brother W. C. Bledsoe as Secretary, is endeavoring to provide for destitution in the State. But little is being done owing to want of funds. Brother A. E. Burns in North Alabama, is doing a good work; also Brother S. O. J. Ray in Southeast Alabama. Pastors salaries are being supplemented by the Board in some of the weaker churches, where the demands seem to be greatest, and there are many other places of like character that should be provided for. Places are to be found in Alabama with a little church, numbering from twenty-five to forty members, with a population of from 3000 to 5000. So it will be seen from a glance, that these little churches cannot possibly provide the needed work for so many people. There is also a greatly needed work to be done in the rural districts, but cannot for want of means. And yet how easily this might be done, if the 110,000 Baptists of Alabama would only put their shoulders to the wheel and give one solid continued pull. This should be considered not merely a duty, but a high privilege of having some humble part in carrying the gospel to the destitute. Respectfully submitted,

F. H. Farrington, Chairman.

The report on Home Missions was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board has its headquarters at Atlanta, Ga. It is the work of this Board to provide for destitution in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention some times in conjunction with the state boards, where the State board is not able to provide for its own state. The work includes the western frontier; the Indians, the negroes of the South and some of the centers of population where there are many foreigners with their different isms and irreligions. Cuba, also, is under the supervision of the Home Board. One of the gravest difficulties in the way of our home work is that people do not realize the greatness of the field. It requires no argument or even thought to convince any one interested in Missions that there is destitution in China, India or Africa, but they are so accustomed to the enjoyment of religious privileges themselves that they cannot realize

that in this favored land there are any communities which are without such privileges. It is a startling fact that notwithstanding that the Home Board has established about one-eighth of the white churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, and notwithstanding all that has been done by our churches and Mission boards in the last fifty years, that there are more unregenerate persons, within the limits of this Convention than there were fifty years ago. Hardships are being undergone on the western frontiers by our missionaries to an extent that has rarely ever been equaled in any work. The work in Cuba has been one of great trial and persecution from the first, but worse during the last year, owing to the war on the island. Our Brother Diaz has been forced to leave the work, but our brethren and sisters are nobly holding the fort. Much is being accomplished for the negro by means of holding institutes with their preachers. Under the agreement at Fortress Monroe between the Baptists North and South, the prospects are that great good will be accomplished on educational lines. This work is important not only on account of the present needs of the people, but on account of the fact that this is our Jerusalem from whence the gospel is to be sent to all nations, therefore it is hardly possible to over-estimate the importance of this work.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. CONNELL.

Report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In the providence of God your committee is glad to report a year of great blessings on our work in the foreign mission fields. The missionaries send tidings of 735 baptisms, the largest number by far in the history of our work, and the general outlook is full of hope. (We herewith submit the statistical table of the Foreign Mission Board for the year 1896. See table elsewhere.)

CHINA—Of the native helpers one ordained pastor, two preachers and one Bible woman have received their support from the native churches, while all of the churches have done something towards the support of their pastor's ministerial class. This is composed of young men studying for the ministry who have been examined by a committee of our best pastors and preachers as to their call to preach. Several were rejected by this committee. The first half of the year there were fifteen, the last half fourteen. Miss Whilden reports: "I have rarely known a day this year that my heart has not been gladdened by one or more earnest listeners." One woman said: "I am now over seventy years old, but I never heard anything like it before—I never knew there was a Savior."

AFRICA—Our mission is in the Zoruba country. The people are pure negroes—a population of 4,000,000. Here is a vast field to be sown and cultivated. Here are multitudes of towns and villages to those having 20,000 or more inhabitants unoccupied by any mission. But this is but a dot in Africa and is a door to the farther Soudan, with the millions upon millions of inhabitants not waiting for the gospel, for they do not want it, and will fight against it, but to whom it is our duty to give it. Many of the people are Mohammedans and, they need the gospel as badly as the heathen.

ITALY—The population is about 28,500,000, about 100 cities, thirteen universities, a great many colleges and academies and not less

than 10,000 public schools. The state of morality is sad and discouraging. Catholicism is the state religion, but all sects are tolerated. The Pope, who loveth to have preeminence, is by no means satisfied with this arrangement and hence is in constant warfare with the government. It is encouraging to know that our Italian Baptist churches have during the past year made progress not only numerically and financially, but also in solidity.

BRAZIL—During the past year, a noted priest Canon Ottoni was baptized. Public opinion is constantly growing in our favor and many are enquiring the way of life. After much hard work by Brother Bagby, a faithful little church is in existance at Rio who, by their contributions and self-sacrifice, have shamed a good many of us. We also have churches at Bahia, Pernambuco and Campos, churches planted which we hope ere long may be the means, under God, of delivering this priest ridden people and bringing them into the folds of the blessed gospel of Christ.

MEXICO—Until 1821, the church and state were inseparable, and, even with the achieving of political independance, the iron hand of Rome was not withdrawn. When her power is at stake she cares not for political liberty. Romish cunning and French cupidity struck hands, and Maximillian of Austria, after a series of engagements became Emperor in 1864. Rome was again triumphant. After many engagements Juarez was again successful, entering his new presidency in October, 1867. Political and religious independance have been preserved since then. Though reduced in strength, Romanism is still the mightiest power in that republic and religious liberty, guaranteed by the constitution of 1857, is not known where Rome can prevent it. Notwithstanding this, the walls of opposition are crumbling to the dust before the advancing faithful few of our God's elect. Let us take courage and press forward, for we confidently believe victory is ours.

JAPAN—It has been a hard year with our missionaries here. The Japanese have hitherto seemed ready to receive the gospel messengers, but now, elated with victory after the war with China, they have to a large extent turned a deaf ear to the missionaries. Budhism is the prevailing religion there. There are in the Empire today nearly twice as many Budhist temples as there are Protestant Christians, and nearly five times as many Shinto temples as there are Protestant Christians. These facts, together with the fact that our own Brother McCullum and wife from Alabama are there battling for Christ should stimulate us to a greater zeal and self-sacrifice for the work. Can we now in view of all these facts afford to withhold our means from the much needed work to be done in foreign fields.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. FREEMAN, Chairman.

The following committee was appointed to apportion the amounts to be raised by the Association for the various objects fostered by the denomination, viz: W. H. Connell, J F. Averyt and B. M. Gentry.

The report on Ministerial Education was read and, after discussion by C. W. O'Hara, W. W. Kirkland and A. R. Hardy, adopted.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

This is a subject that should have our most careful consideration. The gospel must be preached by men and not angels. The Baptist church today calls for an educated ministry. The instruments through whom God speaks should have the very best literary training. Those Galilean fishermen who preached so powerfully and successfully, after the death of our Savior, had three years of the best training that has ever fallen to the lot of man. This Association should heartily come to the aid of Howard College. Through this institution we hope to educate the young men who have been called of God to preach the gospel. Let us give our support to the Ministerial Board that it may help twenty-five or thirty young preachers who want to enter college this fall. The churches must provide the means. Will not every christian within the bounds of this Association do his or her whole duty by giving their means to accomplish this work. There are many of our pastors in the full work of the ministry who feel that they would be more efficient in their work if they could have had better preparation. To all such we say: Brethren, push on and see to it that those who fill your places shall have the benefit of what you lack. The professors of Howard have given their time, and some of them have served as pastors to help those young men.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. AVERYT, Chairman.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported that F. H. Farrington would preach at night.

After prayer by A. R. Hardy Association adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow.

FRIDAY, Sept. 4, 1896.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Devotional exercises were conducted by B. C. Hughes. Reading from John 15: 1-20. Prayers by B. C. Hughes, N. T. Lucas and J. W. O'Hara.

The report on Aged and Infirm Ministers was read. Discussion by J. M. Crenshaw, J. C. Lyon, B. C. Hughes, N. T. Lucas, J. L. Peters, F. M. Woods. Report adopted.

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

We, your committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers, report that our highly esteemed brethren, W. W. Armstrong and J. H. R. Carden are still living, and also find J. T. Parker, whom we recommend to this body as a beneficiary, and especially to this church. These brethren are dependent more or less for the necessaries of life. Brethren, Christ says: "The poor you have with you always."

J. M. CRENSHAW.

Resolved, that the pastors of this Association be requested

to present the claims of the aged and infirm ministers to their people, and take collections therefor quarterly, and send same to the treasurer of the Association to be divided equally between said beneficiaries, unless otherwise instructed by the churches. A collection was taken for the foregoing object amounting to $9.25, and J. L. Peters, A. H. Templin and G. W. Crumpton were appointed as a committee to divide the same between the beneficiaries.

The report on Periodicals was read and discussed by F. H. Farrington, J. B. Kilpatrick and J. W. O'Hara, after which the report was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The importance of patronizing our religious periodicals is more fully realized by the pastors of our churches than any others. 1st. Because it helps him to bring to bear upon his people the various objects fostered by the denomination. 2nd. Because the people thus have a knowledge of the great field in which we, as the servants of Christ are to work and the pressing needs of the same. We would therefore earnestly recommend to the brotherhood the Alabama Baptist, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Mission Journal, the State Mission Journal and the publications of our Sunday School Board located at Nashville, Tenn., as worthy of their patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. FARRINGTON, Chairman.

The report on Bible and Colportage Work was read and discussed by W. W. Kirkland.

Suspended business for preaching. Rev. A. R. Hardy preached on the doctrine of reconciliation from 2 Cor., 5: 18-21 and 6: 1.

After prayer by J. M. McCord adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met and, after prayer, the discussion of Bible and Colportage was continued by Henry Fancher, J. W. O'Hara and A. R. Hardy. Report adopted.

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE WORK.

No Colportage work is being done in the bounds of the Shelby Association. Quite a number of Associations in the state have colporteurs who are doing something, but their work is retarded very much on account of the scarcity of money. The Colportage department of our State Board has sold up to the first of August, including Sunday School literature and Colporters $3,639 worth, $300 of this amount was sold to colporteurs. No work is more important than this

of disseminating religious literature and yet none is more difficult owing to the stringency of the times. If we could only have a live man filled with the spirit of God, going from house to house selling religious books and talking the blessed gospel of the Son of God, what great good might be accomplished. Let us pray and work to this end. We recommend that all orders for Sunday School literature be made through J. B. Collier, Secretary of Colportage Department, Montgomery, Ala., as there is thereby a profit to the Board and will cost the churches no more.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. KIRKLAND, Chairman.

The report on Temperance was read and, after discussion by J. M. Crenshaw, W. H. Connell, D. W. Freeman, J. W. O'Hara, F. H. Farrington, J. B. Kilpatrick and A. R. Hardy, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to make this our report. We feel proud to say to this body, that according to our opinion, this great curse is abating to some extent, and we pray that the followers of Christ, not only of this body, but all christians may take the word of God for the man of their counsel. Prov. 23-29: "Who hath babbling; who hath wounds without cause; who hath redness of eyes? 30th. They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed mine. 32nd. At the end it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." So we pray the brotherhood to take what God's word says on this great evil, and not ours.

Respectfully submitted.
J. M. CRENSHAW, Chairman.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read and discussed by J. B. Kilpatrick, A. R. Hardy and J. L. Peters.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Only a little more than half of the churches report Sunday Schools to the Association: if they have them it would aid the Sunday School cause much to report them. Those that may not have them, we would earnestly request to organize at an early day. This is one of the most important works of the church. The Sunday School work under the management of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., has accomplished much. Starting five years ago with practically no income, the Board has yet been able to conduct its business successfully and also to pay over thirty thousand dollars to the various denominational enterprises. Considerable work has also been done in the way of Sunday School Missions. The Board has given over twenty thousand in less than four year to this department of work. In ordering our literature from our Sunday School Board, we not only obtain a literature peculiary fitted and adapted to our needs, but we aid in the Mission work that is being done by the Board throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. The periodicals are distinctively of a

missionary character, so as to train our schools in missionary thought and spirit. This is especially true of Kind Words. The fourth page of each issue is devoted to missions, in a way to interest children. We would recommend our churches to patronize this Board.

Respectfully submitted,
G. F. HARPER, Chairman.

Appointed Standing Committees:

On Family Religion—J. D. Farrington, G. F. Harper and E. B. McGuire.

On Education—R. H. Pratt, J. S. Moore and W. L. Trucks.

On Ministerial Education—Henry Fancher, Henry Latham, Jr., and Wm. Lyman.

On Periodicals—L. P. Brock, D. G. Smith and A. J. Day.

On Aged and Infirm Ministers—R. E. Woolly, W. S. Lovelady and M. V. Lawley.

On State Missions—J. W. Mitchell, H. C. Owen and Ross Arnold.

On Home Missions—F. H. Farrington, E. A. McGuire and Oscar Wood.

On Foreign Missions—J. F. Averyt, W. R. Craigg and Henry May.

On Temperance—N. T. Lucas, E. C. Vernon and Burden Lucas.

On Sabbath Schools—A. P. Longshore, R. H. O'Hara and John Green.

On Bible and Colportage Work—J. E. Adams, J. T. J. Wilder and L. R. Kendrick.

The committee on Indigent Ministers' fund reported as follows:

Amount to be paid J. T. Parker	$ 4 82
" " " " J. H. R. Carden	3 65
" " " " W. W. Armstrong	3 65
Total	$12 12

J. L. PETERS, Chairman.

Inasmuch as our esteemed brother, B. C. Hughes, contemplates entering school this fall in his community, in order to more fitly prepare himself for the work of the ministry; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the Association be instructed to secure such help from the churches as they may be able to, and provide for him so far as said means may justify.

Adopted.

On motion a letter of dismission was granted to Jemison church to unite with Unity Association.

The Prorating Committee's report was read and discussed by J. L. Peters, C. W. O'Hara, A. R. Hardy, W. H. Connell and adopted. (See table elsewhere.)

A resolution offered by W. W. Kirkland, in reference to Dr. Whitsitt, was tabled indefinitely.

RESOLVED, That we continue Bro. F. H. Farrington as beneficiary of this Association, and that we hereby adopt Bro. Henry Fancher as a beneficiary.

Adopted.

RESOLVED, That the Clerk superintend the printing of 500 copies of minutes of this Association and receive for his services as Clerk and Treasurer the sum of $20.

RESOLVED, That this Association return its thanks to the people of this community for their hospitality and pray God's blessing upon them.

Adopted.

The report of Finance committee was adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance report amount sent up from the churches:

For State Missions	$ 1 00
" Home "	2 10
" Foreign "	4 00
" Ministerial Education	12 25
" Indigent Ministers (collection)	9 25
" Minutes	25 50
" Associational purposes	16 75
" Orphans' Home	2 80
Total	$77 92
Amount paid over to Treasurer	$77 92

Respectfully submitted,
S. E. FARRINGTON, Chairman.

The report of Treasurer was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. W. O'Hara in account with Shelby Association.

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Aug. 29, 1895.	To balance last report		$79 15
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Sept. 7, 1895.	By am't p'd W. B. Crumpton, State missions.	$ 1 85	
" 7, 1895.	" " " " " " Foreign "	2 54	
" 7, 1895.	" " " " " " Home "	9 89	
" 7, 1895.	" " " " " " Min. educat'n.	10 75	
Aug. 29, 1895.	" " " W. W. Armstrong, indigent min.	5 46	
" 29, 1895.	" " " J. H. R. Carden, " "	5 46	
Sept. 29, 1895.	" " " for printing minutes	26 45	
" 29, 1895.	" " " postage during year	40	
Aug. 1, 1896.	" " " for association blanks	45	
" 1, 1896.	" " " clerk's salary	15 90	
			$79 15

FOR THE YEAR 1896-7.

Sept. 4, 1896. To amount received from finance committee.....$77 92

The report of committee on Nominations was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

For Executive Committee—C. W. O'Hara, J. R. Hill, J. F. Averyt, A. P. Longshore, J. T. J. Wilder, B. C. Hughes.

To Preach the Introductory Sermon—J. W. Mitchell, W. W. Kirkland, alternate.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon—C. W. O'Hara, B. C. Hughes, alternate.

Delegates S. B. Convention—F. H. Farrington, W. H. Connell, alternate.

Delegates to State Convention—W. H. Connell, F. H. Farrington, B. C. Hughes, Walter E. Lester, S. P. Fancher, J. E. Adams, J. L. Peters, H. C. Reynolds, J. F. Averyt, George Crumpton, R. W. Cobb, C. W. O'Hara and A. J. Shaw.

Also that the next session of this Association be held with Six Mile Church, commencing on Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, 1897.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. CRENSHAW, Chairman.

After singing a hymn, extending the parting hand, and prayer by the Clerk, the Association adjourned.

F. M. WOODS, Moderator.

C. W. O'HARA, Clerk.

MINISTERS ORDAINED.

N. T. Lucas	Montevallo,	Alabama.
N. J. Jarvis	Dogwood,	"
Charles Johnson	Montevallo,	"
I. N. Walker	Green Pond,	"
H. C. Taul	Pelham,	"
J. D. Martin	Bessemer.	"
W. W. Armstrong	Wilsonville,	"
J. C. Lyon	"	"
E. B. Teague	Columbiana,	"
C. W. O'Hara	"	"
W. W. Kirkland	Vincent,	"
J. D. Mills	Maylene,	"
J. H. R. Carden	Weldon,	"
B. C. Hughes	"	"
J. W. Mitchell	Six Mile,	"
W. H. Connell	"	"
F. M. Woods,	Jemison,	"
T. J. Parker	Columbiana,	"
G. W. Crumpton	"	"
W. D. Hubbard	Evergreen,	"
F. H. Farrington	Brierfield,	"

LICENTIATES.

W. M. Kerbo	Furnace,	Alabama.
James Davis	Columbiana,	"
Thomas Davis	"	"
I. J. Davis	"	"
G. W. Moore	"	"
J. H. Smith	Lewis,	"
T. J. Cabaniss	"	"
J. W. Whitfield	Columbiana,	"

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Read Letters from Churches.
4. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Invite Visiting Ministers to Seats.
6. Invite Churches to join the Association.
7. Appoint Committees on Devotion, Finance and Nominations.
8. Fill Vacancies in Standing Committees.
9. Call for Correspondence.
10. Return Correspondence.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Adjourn.

SECOND DAY.

13. Devotional Exercises.
14. Read the Minutes of the First Day and Call the Roll.
15. Report on Family Religion.
16. Report on Education.
17. Missions—State, Home and Foreign.
18. Missionary Sermon.
19. Report on Ministerial Education.
20. Report on Periodicals.
21. Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers.
22. Report on Bible and Colportage work.
23. Report on Temperance.
24. Report on Sabbath Schools.
25. Report on Nominations.
26. Report on Finance.
27. Report of Treasurer.
28. Appoint Standing Committees to report at next session.
29. Order Clerk's Salary paid, and 500 Copies of Minutes printed.
30. Miscellaneous Business.
31. Adjourn.

REPORT OF PRORATING COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	‡Pledges for Ministerial Education.	Greensboro Church.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphans' Home.	Ministerial Education.	Indigent Ministers.	Total.
Bethlehem	.....	$ 1 00	$ 2 00	$ 1 25	$ 1 25	$ 1 00	$ 1 50	$ 1 50	$ 9 50
Cahaba Valley	$ 5 00	3 00	7 50	3 75	3 75	3 00	4 50	4 50	30 00
Columbiana	15 00	5 00	12 50	6 25	6 25	5 00	6 50	6 50	48 00
Center Hill	* 1 00	1 00	2 50	1 25	1 25	1 00	1 50	1 50	10 00
Dogwood Grove	.....	2 00	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 00	3 00	3 00	20 00
Helena	.....	2 00	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 00	3 00	3 00	20 00
Mount Calvary	.....	1 00	2 50	1 25	1 25	1 00	1 50	1 50	10 00
Six Mile	10 00	5 00	12 50	6 25	6 25	5 00	6 50	6 50	48 00
Montevallo	25 00	10 00	25 00	12 50	12 50	10 00	13 00	13 00	96 00
Liberty	5 00	4 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	6 00	6 00	40 00
Jemison	10 00	5 00	12 50	6 25	6 25	5 00	6 50	6 50	48 00
Brierfield	5 00	2 00	5 00	2 50	2 50	6 00	3 00	3 00	24 00
Calera	10 00	5 00	12 50	6 25	6 25	5 00	6 50	6 50	48 00
Enon	5 00	2 00	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 00	3 00	3 00	20 00
Longview	.....	2 00	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 00	3 00	3 00	20 00
Mars Hill	.....	2 00	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 00	3 00	3 00	20 00
Macedonia	5 00	1 00	2 50	1 25	1 25	1 00	1 50	1 50	10 00
New Antioch	.....	1 00	2 50	1 25	1 25	1 00	1 50	1 50	10 00
Bethesda	.....	1 50	3 75	1 85	1 85	1 50	2 25	2 25	14 95
Kingdom	5 00	2 00	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 00	3 00	3 00	20 00
New Prospect	.....	1 00	2 50	1 25	1 25	1 00	1 50	1 50	10 00
Rocky Ridge	.....	1 00	2 50	1 25	1 25	1 00	1 50	1 50	10 00
Summer Hill	.....	1 00	2 50	1 25	1 25	1 00	1 50	1 50	10 00
Shelby	15 00	* 5 00	12 50	6 25	6 25	3 00	6 50	6 50	46 00
Florence	.....	2 00	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 00	3 00	3 00	20 00
Total	$ 116 00	$67 50	$ 168 25	$84 35	$84 35	$69 30	$94 25	$94 25	$ 662 45

‡Pledges for Ministerial Education to be applied to the amounts apportioned for Ministerial Education.

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C. W. O'HARA, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

DISTRICT.	Date.	No. Churches.	Out Stations.	Missionaries.		Ordained Natives.	Unordained Natives.		Increase.			Diminution.			Membership.	S. S Scholars.	Houses of Worship.	Day Schools.		Contributions.
				Male.	Female.		Male.	Female.	Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Death.	Expulsion.	Letter.				No of Schools.	No. of Scholars.	
CHINA:																				
North China	1860	6	6	5	7	....	.....	1	53	1	....	2	....	12	232	150	2	2	61	$ 998 57
Shanghai	1847	3	7	3	5	....	3	.....	5	....	....	6	1	....	108	83	2	4	50	87 00
Chinkiang	1880	2	12	3	3	...	.....	.....	3	...	....	....	....	....	19	75	...	2	22	16 97
South China	1845	8	6	5	10	7	27	6	91	....	....	....	....	....	907	381	1	13	442	1,087 81
AFRICA	1850	6	5	3	3	1	6	1	51	....	3	...	8	....	247	150	8	3	110	457 40
ITALY	1870	21	56	2	1	14	14	.....	79	....	....	....	....	....	430	215	3	.....	.....	643 45
BRAZIL:																				
Bahia	1882	4	16	2	1	3	... .	.....	71	4	5	3	27	11	835	65	1	3	60	330 00
Rio	1884	5	2	2	2	3	1	.....	59	18	2	3	7	5	187	.....	2	.....	.....	1,212 00
Pernambuco	1889	1	....	1	1	....	.....	.....	17	3	....	4	7	....	7	.....	...	.....	.....	*
Campos	1890	4	2	1	1	....	1	.....	126	43	2	3	2	51	248	.....	....	1	10	700 00
MEXICO	1880	37	14	8	11	6	12	.....	177	37	2	11	89	41	1,035	414	11	3	96	*
JAPAN	1889	1	2	3	3	1	3	.....	3	3	....	2	2	....	40	150	....	.....	.....	20 000
Totals	.....	98	128	38	48	34	67	8	735	109	14	34	143	120	4,295	1,713	30	31	851	$ 5,553 20

* No report.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF SHELBY ASSOCIATION, 1892.

Churches.	Home Missions.	Church Building (not at home).	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Indigent Ministers.	Bible and Colp'tage.	Howard College.	Ministerial Educat'n	Southern Baptist Theolog. Seminary.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	Sunday Sch. Missions.	Sunday Sch. School Expenses	Women's Society. Home Missions.	Women's Society. Foreign Miss'ns.	Women's Society. State Missions.	State Children's Society Missions.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Value of Building and Furniture.	Centennial Fund.
Brierfield	$ 4 50	...	$ 12 50	$ 9 00	.....	.....	.....	$ 3 50	.....	$ 1 25	$ 75	...	.....	*21 00	.....	.....	.....	$ 31 35	$ 100 00	$ 6 00	$ 1000	.....
Bethlehem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethesda	60	$3 15	50	49	$ 1 73	$ 25	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	6 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 32	47 15	.....	500	$ 3 40
Calera	* 9 46	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 5 67	....	1 00	50	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	..	22 63	120 30	66 12	2200	11 80
Cahaba Valley	3 00	.....	9 50	6 00	.....	3 00	10 00	5 00	.....	2 00	1 00	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	....	47 50	73 00	15 00	400	.....
Columbiana	6 70	.....	25 55	17 90	5 15	.....	37 50	10 42	5 00	3 00	.....	†$9 42	.....	.....	$ 5 00	$10 00	$5 05	140 69	163 75	35 00	1000	.....
Dogwood Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75	63 00	.....	400	.....
Enon	.....	.....	8 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	50	.....	5 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 70	50 00	.....	800	.....
Montevallo † ‡	40 00	.....	24 00	41 35	.....	.....	....	25 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	133 35	466 50	144 00	3200	35 00
Florence	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	2 00	.....	.....	150	.....
Helena	1 00	.....	1 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jemison	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 00	.....	3 00	1 50	* 7 40	15 00	.....	.....	.....	....	81 90	147 50	57 50	1000	.....
Kingdom	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	300	.....
Longview	.....	....	6 50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 50	25 00	17 00	700	82
Liberty	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	40 00	.....	500	.....
Moss Hill	1 00	....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	55 00	.....	500	.....
Mt. Calvary	.....	.....	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Prospect	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rocky Ridge	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 85	.....	.....	.....	.....
Six Mile	6 00	.....	14 00	6 00	.....	3 00	10 00	64 74	.....	2 00	1 00	* 1 50	.....	* 3 00	.....	.....	.....	121 24	100 00	126 00	1000	.....
Summer Hill	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shelby	1 10	.....	1 10	11 41	.....	55	.....	10 00	.....	2 50	.....	.....	15 79	.....	.....	....	.....	42 45	250 00	§349 06	1100	.....
Collections at Associat'n	....	.....	.....	.....	10 35	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$74 36	$3 15	$109 30	$97 65	$23 58	$6 80	$57 50	$179 33	$5 00	$42 00	$5 25	$18 32	$62 54	$24 00	$5 00	$10 00	$5 05	$707 03	$1701 20	$815 68	$12650	$51 02

*These amounts for Missions; do not know how they were divided. †Of this amount, $1.20 for State, $2.60 for Home, $3.96 for Foreign, and $1.56 for Ministerial Education. ‡Of the contributions made by Montevallo Church, the Ladies' Aid Society paid $22; Sunbeam Society, $38.90. §Of this amount the Ladies' Aid Society paid $57; the Sunbeam Society, $6.49.

C. W. O'HARA, Clerk.

STATISTICS OF SHELBY ASSOCIATION, 1892.

Church.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's P.O.	Membership Last Reported.	Increase by				Decrease by				Present Members'p.	Sabbath School.				Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meetings.	No. taking Denominational Papers.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.		Superintendents.	Superintendents' P. O.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.			
FIRST DISTRICT.																					
Brierfield	Bibb	J. W. Mitchell.	F. M. Fancher.	Brierfield	31	8	7	....	....	7	....	....	....	39	G. D. Smith	Brierfield.	7	40	2	.....	5
Bethlehem	Shelby	T. B. Dison.	R. O. Camp.	Montevallo	29	1	3	....	....	4	....	....	....	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	
Cahaba Valley	Bibb	J. W. Mitchell.	E. B. McGuire.	Furnace	95	3	1	2	2	3	3	....	4	93	T. M. Fancher	Furnace	7	34	4	Monthly.	
Calera	Shelby	J. G. Lowery	D. W. Boyd	Calera	32	.....	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	Dr. H. T. Coffey	Calera	7	35	1–2	Weekly.	
Dogwood Grove	Shelby.	F. M. Woods	R. E. Woolley	Dogwood	116	11	4	....	1	7	5	....	3	117	M. L. Wooten	Dogwood	6	50	2	Semi-mo.	2
Enon	Shelby	H. W. Connell.	W. R. Lucas	Montevallo	81	4	2	....	....	2	3	....	1	69	P. L. Lucas	Montevallo	6	50	1	.....	
Helena	Shelby.	J. D. Martin	H. W. Bowers.	Helena	35	.....	....	....	....	....	3	....	1	31	.....	.....	....	....	2	.....	
Jemison	Chilton	W. J. Elliott	J. D. Hand	Jemison	99	.....	5	....	....	6	....	....	....	98	Thomas Harrison	Jemison.	6	76	2	Weekly.	8
Longview	Shelby	N. T. Lucas	C. E. Hale	Longview	32	4	5	....	....	1	1	....	....	39	L. P. Arnold	Longview	4	45	4	Weekly.	
Montevallo	Shelby.	W. C. Cleveland	J. T. Williams.	Montevallo	67	.....	1	2	....	2	....	....	3	65	E. W. North	Montevallo	9	64	2–4	Weekly.	
Moss Hill	Jefferson	J. D. Martin.	K. D Campbell.	Oxmoor	47	8	1	....	....	2	1	....	1	52	W. J. Nunnally	Helena	5	44	3	....	
†Macedonia	Not rep.	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
†New Antioch	Not rep.	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Six Mile	Bibb	J. W. Mitchell.	H. C. Owens	Six Mile	106	15	5	....	....	9	....	....	1	116	R. H. Pratt	Six Mile	13	65	1	Weekly.	5
SECOND DISTRICT.																					
Bethesda	Shelby	M. E. B. Jones.	R. A. O'Hara.	Wilsonville	114	2	2	....	....	8	....	....	2	105	C. A. Mason	Wilsonville	7	45	2	Weekly.	2
Columbiana	Shelby.	E. B. Teague	J. L. Peters	Columbiana	51	.....	1	....	....	1	....	....	1	50	J. K. Milner	Columbiana	8	38	2	Weekly.	10
Florence	Shelby.	J. F. Parker	J. M. Crenshaw.	Lewis	37	17	12	3	*15	8	2	2	....	72	C. D. Wolfe	Columbiana.	4	30	3	Weekly.	
Kingdom	Shelby	M. E. B. Jones.	W. T. Crumpton	Columbiana	30	.....	....	1	....	6	1	....	1	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	
Liberty	Shelby.	J. D. Martin.	A. F. Carden	Weldon	111	12	....	....	3	6	....	....	....	120	J. T. Crane	Weldon	4	50	1	Weekly.	
Mt. Calvary	Shelby	M. E. B. Jones.	N. Thomas.	Columbiana	51	.....	2	....	....	....	....	....	2	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	
†Mt. Carmel	Not rep.	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
New Prospect	Shelby.	J. F. Parker.	W. C. Carden	Weldon	.....	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	
Rocky Ridge	Shelby	Geo. Crumpton.	W. M. Davis	Columbiana	50	8	3	....	4	4	1	....	1	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	
Summer Hill	Shelby.	N. T. Lucas	L. Q. Gould	Columbiana	54	....	3	1	1	8	....	....	....	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	Weekly.	
Shelby	Shelby	C. W. O'Hara.	G. H. Averyt	Shelby	27	15	10	....	....	....	....	....	1	51	J. F. Averyt	Shelby	9	60	1–3	Weekly.	1
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1275	108	78	9	26	84	21	2	22	1464	.....	.....	102	736	.....	.....	.....

*This number (15) embraces Watchcare, Restoration and Voucher. †Previous total is given of churches not represented.

Churches received—Jemison, from Mulberry; New Prospect, from Cahaba Valley.